

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
DRAFT REVISED INTERIM MEASURES WORKPLAN
and
DRAFT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
at
FORMER JAMES G. LEE RECORD PROCESSING
145-51 West 154th Street, Gardena, CA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
December 19, 2005 through January 20, 2006

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites the public to comment on the draft Revised Interim Measures Workplan (R-IMW) and draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the former James G. Lee Record Processing site. The draft R-IMW addresses the removal and proper off-site disposal of soils impacted with nickel, chromium (VI) and silver that were used in the production of vinyl, long-play phonograph "master", "mother" and "stamper" disks at the site.

The former James G. Lee Record Processing facility is located in an industrial area of Los Angeles County zoned M-2 for heavy manufacturing and surrounded by an area zoned M-1 for light manufacturing. The former facility is located at 145-51 West 154th Street in the unincorporated Rosewood (Gardena) section of Los Angeles County, California.

A June 11, 2004 Amended Preliminary Endangerment Assessment report ("Amended PEA") for the property determined that, in addition to the release of heavy metals at the site, detectable concentrations of the solvents benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene, xylenes, perchloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE) and 1,1-dichloroethene are present in soils and soil vapors beneath the site.

The DTSC is currently overseeing the investigation and remediation of this facility. As an interim measure, the DTSC has sanctioned the excavation and proper off-site disposal of the metals-impacted soil.

The DTSC has evaluated the proposed interim measures under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and determined that the interim measures are not expected to cause significant effects to public health or the environment. All reasonable steps will be taken to limit noise, dust and traffic congestion during the interim measures.

Upon completion of the interim measures workplan, the concentrations of solvents detected in soils and soil vapor from beneath the site will be evaluated in a Health Risk Assessment for the site.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The public will have 30 days from the date of this notice to provide comments to the DTSC concerning the proposed interim measures and CEQA Notice of Exemption.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft R-IMW and draft NOE are available for review at the following locations:

Gardena Mayme Dear Library
1731 West Gardena Boulevard
Gardena, CA 90247
310-323-6363
M-W 12:00pm-8:00 pm
Th-F 10:00am-6:00pm

Department of Toxic Substances Control
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630
8:00am-4:30pm
Julie Johnson
714-484-5400

CONTACT

During the 30-day comment period, written comments on the draft R-IMW and draft NOE should be mailed to Dr. Rada Chanmugathas, Hazardous Substances Scientist, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630 (714-484-5386) or e-mailed to Dr. Chanmugathas at rchanmug@dtsc.ca.gov. All comments must be postmarked (or received via e-mail) no later than January 20, 2006.

INFORMATION FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

TDD users can obtain information about this site by using the California State Relay Service at (888) 877-5378. Please ask to speak with Ms. Rada Chanmugathas at (714) 484-5386.